

# Leading Lines

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## October Photo Shoot

Our October meeting was held outdoors: several members, and a couple of visitors, gathered at the Ames Municipal Cemetery for a Halloween-theme photo shoot.

As it turned out, we mostly glossed over the ghoulish aspect of things. But we did find opportunities to indulge in various kinds of photography we aren't all that used to. There were long-shutter shots of various kinds including some with translucent ghost figures, use of on- and off-camera flash, and even some "light painting" going on.

A few of the resulting photos have been posted on the ACC website, at <http://amescameraclub.org/history.html> (or click "the past" from the main page). More may appear later; ACC's film shooters made a rather disproportionately strong showing, and I've been told that some rolls still haven't made it into the developing tank.

Afterwards a few of us warmed up for a while at the Perkins restaurant.

All in all, it was great fun. I'd love to see us holding more of these local shoots along with our traditional sit-down meetings. If you have ideas about good spots we can visit, please feel free to suggest them.

----- Mark Slagell, vice president

## February Club Photo Contest

The Ames Camera Club will hold its own contest in February. The topic is "Fall" so you need to start now thinking about what photos you would like to present. The rules of the contest are:

1. The subject is "Fall"
2. Presentation by prints only
3. Each contestant can bring up to 3 prints
4. Prints must be 11" x 14" or smaller

*There are no rules - only good photographs*

Vijay Karai

## Program Schedule

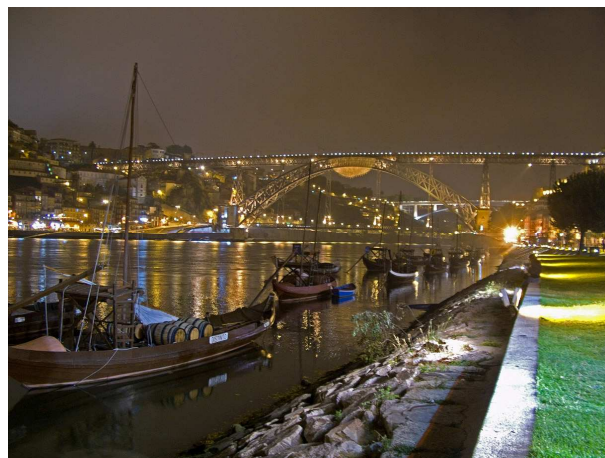
The Ames Camera Club (ACC) meets every second Thursday at 7:00 to 8:30 in the Community Room of the Ames Public Library (second floor) from Sept. through May. **HOWEVER, this month on November 15**, this is a Saturday, we will meet at the Main Auditorium of the Library at 2-4 pm for **Paul Brook** "Nature Photography and Poetry in Ames". This is open to the public and is cosponsored by the Ames Library. Paul has written a book titled "Light and Matter: Photographs and Poems of Iowa". He will show photographic techniques and will have readings (poems) from his book.

**December 11** we will have a regular meeting at 7 pm (see above). **Luke Healey** will present "Best Practices for Lighting Indoor Photos". You are encouraged to bring your camera.

## October Contests Results

There were two entries for the N4C Digital Pictorial photo contest. We had good results.

Congratulations to Tom Andre who received a MERIT Award for his photo shown below. The other entry is shown on the back of this newsletter.



Oporto and Eiffel Bridge

Tom Andre

**Note:** There were also two entries for the digital nature photo contest, but the coordinator turned in the photos too late. They will be submitted for the November contest.



## **N4C Photo Contests Rules**

There is a contest each month. One entry per person and 8 entries per club for each category listed below. Send your photos (except for digital) to **Denise Wheeler** (232-3521) by the 5th of month.

**The categories are:**

1. 2 x 2 pictorial slides (35 mm art).
2. 2 x 2 nature slides.
3. Black & white pictorial prints, large and small  
Large prints = mount up to 16 x 20 inches.  
Small prints = mount up to 11 x 14 inches
4. Nature prints, large and small.
5. 2 1/4 slides (i.e. medium format).
6. Color prints, large and small (any topic).
7. Contemporary/creative prints & slides (weird or manipulated).
8. Photojournalism prints & slides (prints may be small, mounted and must not be matted).
9. Travel prints & slides.
- 10 & 11. Three digital contests: pictorial, nature, and creative-contemporary. The images must be 1024 x 768 or smaller, less than 500 kb of memory and in jpg format. Submit these to: [rbpearce@mchsi.com](mailto:rbpearce@mchsi.com) by the 10th of the month.

**NOTE:** Digital contests have 80-100 contestants. Other contests have from 20 to 50 contestants.



**Cemetery Moon**

**Luke Healey**

The above photo was taken at the October Photo Shoot in the Ames cemetery.

## **Membership Dues**

The ACC board has changed the annual dues for the coming year. Surprise, they are not higher; they are lower. The new annual ACC dues are:

- Renewal membership .....\$20
- New, family member, or student.....10
- Maximum per family.....30

Luke Healey is the treasurer and will be present to accept dues at the September meeting.



**Iowa Sculpture**

**Stan Williams**

### **From the N4C News Bulletin: *some photographic food for thought.***

- When photographing someone else's artwork, include a person interacting with the artwork.
- People should look into the photo and not out of it.
- In landscapes, the closest image has to be sharply in focus to grab your attention.
- Use a shutter speed of 1/15 of a second or less to get the silky motion of a waterfall.
- Use long lenses to avoid stressing animals.
- Keep horizon lines straight and not in the middle of the picture

## **Ames Camera Club 2008-2009**

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